Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Local Self-Government at Ootacamund.

* 93 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Advisory Committee for Local Self-Government met at Ootacamund in May last; and

(b) whether he will be pleased to lay the proceedings of the Committee on the table of this House?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"The answer to clause (b) is 'The answer is in the negative'. Does it mean that no business was transacted or that business was transacted of a kind that could not be published?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"I have no objection to place the proceedings on the table of the House. There was business transacted.'

The presidentship of the Mangalore taluk board.

* 94 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: With reference to my question No. 320 and to the answer given to it on 4th March 1925 regarding the presidentship of the Mangalore taluk board, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the report has been now received and whether the report will now be placed on the table?

A.—The report [a] of the President of the South Kanara District Board is laid on the table.

Elected President for the Dharmavaram taluk board.

* 95 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the people of Dharmavaram division requested the privilege of electing their own president for the taluk board, Dharmavaram;

(b) whether mahazars were sent up praying for such a privilege;

(c) whether the board also passed resolutions to that effect;

(d) whether the president, district board, Anantapur, recommended total abolition of the said taluk board; and

(e) whether the Government have passed orders in the matter and if so, what they are?

A.—(a) & (b) Only one petition was received which was from the Mahajanasangam of Dharmavaram.

(c) The board passed a resolution on 28th February 1925 with the vice-president in the chair, requesting Government to grant the privilege of electing its president.

(d) The answer is in the negative. He recommended the dissolution and reconstitution of the board.

(e) Orders were passed in G.O. No. 2090, L. & M., dated 17th June 1925, a copy of which is placed on the table.[b]

a Printed as Appendix II on page 257 infra. b Printed as Appendix III on page 258 infra.